

**OATH OF OFFICE TO  
AMILKAR VELEZ-LOPEZ  
AS A JUDGE OF THE  
NEWARK MUNICIPAL COURT**



**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000  
11:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL ROTUNDA**

## AMILKAR VELEZ-LOPEZ

**Amilkar-Velez Lopez holds a Master's Degree of Science in Social Work from Columbia University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University Law School. He has served as a social worker in Newark's public schools, a sociology and urban studies professor at local universities and has practiced law here since 1980. During that time, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors for ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey, a founding member of the Puerto Rican Educators Association, President of the Board of Directors of "Comunidad Unida para la Rehabilitacion de Adictos," by appointment of former Mayor Kenneth Gibson, and now as a member of the State Democratic Committee. For these works, Mr. Velez-Lopez received the Newark Distinguished Citizen's Award in 1994 and numerous plaques and awards from public, private and non-profit organizations.**

**Mr. Velez-Lopez is an outstanding lawyer, social worker and citizen, with an exemplary record of community service.**

# PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony

Lazaro Alvarez, Jr. Esq.  
Committee Chairman  
United Cuban Organizations of  
New York and New Jersey

National Anthem  
Puerto Rican National  
Anthem *La Borinquena*

Singer Wanda Nieves

Invocation

Rev. Levin B. West  
Pastor Grace Reformed Baptist  
Church

Welcome

Honorable Sharpe James  
Mayor, City of Newark

Honorable Luis Quintana  
Councilman-at-Large,  
City of Newark

Honorable Alison B. Jones  
Presiding Judge, Municipal Court

Oath of Office of Amilkar  
Velez-Lopez as Judge of  
Newark Municipal Court

Honorable Julio M. Fuentes, Presiding  
Judge, Chancery Division General  
Equity Part of Essex County Superior  
Court

Presentation

Aramis Cantonet

Closing Remarks

Benediction



**Mayor**

Sharpe James

**Municipal Council**

Donald Bradley, Council President,  
South Ward

Augusto Amador, East Ward

Cory Booker, Central Ward

Mamie Bridgeforth, West Ward

Anthony Carrino, North Ward

Gayle H. Chaneyfield-Jenkins, At-Large

Luis Quintana, At-Large

Donald Tucker, At-Large

Bessie Walker, At-Large

**Business Administrator**

JoAnne Y. Watson